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Application of: Herman et al.

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For : Systems and Methods for Removing Viral Agents from Blood

AMENDMENT A

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Commissioner of Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 30, 2003, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 44 to 61 and 71 to 76 as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Please consider the following pending claims 38 to 43; 62; and 70, of which claims 62 and 70 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing the amendments made:

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